GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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CLOSURE OF FCI DEPOT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons attributed to the closure of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) Depot in Angadippuram, Kerala;

(b) whether the Government has since decided to revive the said depot;

(c) if so, the time by which the said depot is likely to resume functioning;

(d) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from the Ministry of Railways for the placement of full rakes at Angadippuram Godown of FCI; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The Food Corporation of India (FCI) was forced to close its operations at Angadippuram Depot (Kerala) due to closure of goods-shed by the Railway authorities.

(b)&(c): The FCI can resume its operations at Angadippuram, Depot in Kerala on placement of part/full rake by the Railways.

(d): Yes, Sir. The Railway Board has suggested that full rake movement can be undertaken by them provided the FCI develops a full rake handling siding in its own land adjoining to the Railway Station.

(e): Under the Plan Scheme for construction of storage godowns, presently the construction of storage godowns is undertaken only in the North East Region States including Sikkim and State of Jammu & Kashmir. The scope of scheme is proposed to be widened in 11th Plan to include newly emerging procurement States like West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Chhattisgarh etc. The proposal of other States will be taken up in the perspective of revised Plan Scheme.